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SIR Lambert Blackwell, Her Majesty of Great Britain's Envoy Extraordinary, left this City two days ago, in order to return to Florence. This morning a Dutch Caper brought in hither a French Ship called the *Pestillon*, richly laden from Smyrna, which he took near Maltak.

Vienna, February 24. A Courier arrived here yesterday from Count *Schlick*, who commands the Imperial Forces in Upper Austria, with Advice, That he was returned to his head Quarter near *Lintz* from *Saltsbourg*, where he had been to dispose the Bishop of that Place to give what Assistance he could in the Expedition against the Elector of *Bavaria*; that he had been joined by the Regiment of Cuirassiers of *Hannover*, and two Saxon Regiments, and that the rest of the Saxon Forces were coming up with all possible Diligence. He had posted his Regiment of Dragoons and two Troops of *Hussars* at *Bajerbach* and *Ridan*, within half a Mile of the Confines of *Bavaria*, and 10 Battalions of Imperial Foot lay cantoned in a Line behind them; And it is hoped that next week he will enter upon Action. The French have had a Design of entering into the Country of *Tirol* by the way of the *Valteline*; but Lieutenant-General *Barbezieres*, who was to have the Direction of this Enterprize, was seized in that Country, disguised in a Peasant's Habit, and is now a Prisoner at *Bragentz*, near the Lake of *Constance*: Divers Letters of great Consequence were seized about him, which giving an Account of the whole Project, and containing further Proofs of the evil Disposition of the Elector of *Bavaria* towards the Emperor and the Empire, and his strict Engagements with France, are directed to be made publick. Doctor *Timone*, who was sent about 4 Months ago by my Lord *Paget* to the *Porte*, with the Resolutions of this Court in relation to the Business of *Novy*, returned hither the 22d Instant, being come in 11 days from *Adrianople*; He has brought Letters from the new Grand Vicer, *Rami Mahomet*, *Bashaw*, from his *Kihais*, *Ali Agha*, and from *Mauvo Cordato*, who was one of the Turkish Plenipotentiaries at the Treaty of *Carlowitz*, and is now Secretary and Counsellor to the Grand Signior; by all which it appears, that the *Porte* entirely acquiesces in the Conditions proposed for adjusting the Disputes that remained at the Conclusion of that Treaty, about the Confines of *Bosnia*; and by this last Act the glorious Office of the Mediation of the Crown of *England*, between the Two Empires, is happily completed: And there is good grounds to hope both of them may long enjoy the Benefit thereof; the new Vicer having given all the Assurances that could be desired both by Word of Mouth and in Writing, That he would use his best Endeavours to maintain a good Correspondence, not only with the Emperor, but with all Christian Princes and States, thinking himself the more obliged to do it, because he looks upon the Peace to be in a great Measure his own Work, he having been the Grand Signior's First Ambassador at *Carlowitz*. The last Vicer, *Daltaban Mustafa*, *Bashaw*, lost his Life with his Employment, and was strangled, by the Grand Signior's Orders, on the 26th of *January*, two days after the Signet was taken from him, which is the Ordinary Badge of that great Office, and his Body was afterwards publickly exposed a whole day before the *Seraglio*, with his Feet towards the Palace, and the Silk Twist about his Neck where-with he was strangled. He was a Man of a violent turbulent Spirit, and unfit for so eminent a Post, and was not free from Suspicion of having been prevailed upon by French Money to embroil the *Porte* in a new War with the Empire. On the 9th Instant an Envoy from the old Han of *Tartary* arrived at *Adrianople*, being sent to the Grand Signior to give him an Account, That the Commotions which have been of late among those People are quieted; and that his Son, who had rebelled against him, with his General and some few more of his Adherents, were fled towards *Circassia*.

Ratisbonne, March 1. On the 21st past the Elector of *Bavaria's* Minister presented a Memorial from his

Master to the Diet, desiring, That the Empire might no farther be concerned in the Differences between the Emperor and him, or at least that they would let him know whether they were willing to continue the Negotiation with him, or by breaking it off, to bring Matters to the last Extremity. In Answer to this a Conclusion was drawn up the next day, setting forth, That the Diet hoped he would have complied with their former Conclusion, and given Assurances of his performing what they proposed, particularly as to his evacuating of *Ulm*, *Memmingen*, &c. whereupon they had intended to employ their good Offices with the Emperor in his behalf, so the end Matters might be adjusted in a friendly manner; but since the Elector had suffered the Term they mentioned for his doing this to expire, they could return no other Answer to this Memorial than, That they were still willing to intercede for him with the Emperor upon the Conditions abovementioned; which, if he is now willing to accept, it would be necessary that he should give a further Security to the Empire, by either sending his Troops into the Service of the Emperor, or his Allies; And that in the mean time they neither would, nor indeed could, depart from their former Conclusions; nor would they ever, by any means, suffer themselves to be separated from the Emperor, or give a minute's hindrance to the putting in execution those Designs which the Allies have concerted for carrying on the War. In the mean time all the Confederate Troops on the Frontiers of *Bavaria* are in motion: The Duke of *Wurtemberg* having ordered a Detachment of his Forces to *Nordlingen*, has posted the rest about the Territory of *Ulm*, and in the Imperial Towns of *Erlingen*, *Planbeuren*, and *Heydenheim*. On the 13th past he sent a Party of 400 Men to take possession also of *Guislingen*, which Place being one of the Dependencies of *Ulm*, the *Bavarian* Troops in Garrison there marched out the next night, with intent to have surprised them; but hearing they were discovered, and that the *Wurtembergers* were upon their Guard, they returned without making any Attempt. The Apprehension we have had of the ill Consequences that might attend the Marshal *de Villar's* sudden passing the *Rhine*, is now quite over. It is certain he had a good opportunity of falling upon Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* at *Offenbourg*, where his Highness had but 1000 Horse, with whom he was obliged to face the Enemy, to give time to the rest of his Forces to come up; but having by this resolute Action gained an opportunity of throwing a Reinforcement of *Swabish* Foot, and two Battalions of the Forces of *Mentz*, with such Supplies of Provisions and Ammunition as were wanting, into the Fort of *Kehl*, he retired safely with his Artillery to an advantageous Post between *Bibel* and *Stollhoffen*, where he has since been joined by more Troops, and is not without hopes of relieving that Fort; And his Highness has also detached a Regiment of Dragoons and 4 Troops of Cuirassiers to join the Count *de Stirum*, with Orders to him to proceed with all possible Vigour and Diligence against the Elector of *Bavaria*, without taking any Care for the Upper *Rhine*; His Highness has also wrote to the Circle of *Swabia*, exhorting them not to be discouraged, but to send all the Troops and Militia they can spare to guard the narrow Passes in the *Schwarzwald*, or Black Forest, whereby he hopes to disappoint the Designs of the French.

Berlin, March 3. The King of *Prussia* and the Prince and Princess of *Hesse Cassel* came hither the 24th past from *Oranienbourg*. The Dutchess Dowager of *Courland* was returned two days before from the Court of *Hanover*; and the Queen of *Prussia* came from thence the 27th. The Prince of *Hesse Cassel* was declared on the 23d Stadholder, or Governor, of the Duchy of *Cleves*, for which, it is said, he is to have a Pension of 12000 Crowns a year; and on the first Instant he left this Place, in order to repair with all possible Diligence to his Command near the *Moselle*, where his Presence is necessary at this time, that the French Forces in those Parts are all in motion. The Margrave of *Bavaria* is shortly expected here, in order to his intended Marriage with the Dutchess Dowager of *Courland*. Our Accounts from *Poland* confirm the former Advices, that